

2013 Assembly Bill 419 (LRB -3400)

An Act to repeal 7.50 (2) (e); and to create 7.50 (2) (em) of the statutes; relating to: counting votes for write-in candidates.

2013

10-14.	A.	Introduced by Representatives Bernier, Berceau, Murphy, Pridemore, Thiesfeldt, Weininger and Nerison.	350
10-14.	A.	Read first time and referred to Committee on Campaigns and Elections	350
10-16.	A.	Public hearing held	
10-29.	A.	Executive action taken	
11-04.	A.	Report passage recommended by Committee on Campaigns and Elections, Ayes 9, Noes 0	401
11-04.	A.	Referred to Committee on Rules	401
11-12.	A.	Placed on calendar 11-14-2013 by Committee on Rules	
11-14.	A.	Read a second time	467
11-14.	A.	Ordered to a third reading	467
11-14.	A.	Rules suspended	467
11-14.	A.	Read a third time and passed	467
11-14.	A.	Ordered immediately messaged	467
11-15.	S.	Received from Assembly	498
11-21.	S.	Read first time and referred to committee on Elections and Urban Affairs	502

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01-23.	S.	Public hearing held	
02-12.	S.	Executive action taken	
02-12.	S.	Report concurrence recommended by Elections and Urban Affairs, Ayes 5, Noes 0	657
02-12.	S.	Available for scheduling	
03-07.	S.	Placed on calendar 3-11-2014 pursuant to Senate Rule 18(1)	743
03-11.	S.	Read a second time	
03-11.	S.	Ordered to a third reading	
03-11.	S.	Rules suspended	
03-11.	S.	Read a third time and concurred in	
03-11.	S.	Ordered immediately messaged	
03-12.	A.	Received from Senate concurred in	737

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ADOPTED DOCUMENTS:

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2013 ASSEMBLY BILL 419

October 14, 2013 - Introduced by Representatives BERNIER, BERCEAU, MURPHY, PRIDEMORE, THIESFELDT, WEININGER and NERISON. Referred to Committee on Campaigns and Elections.

1 **AN ACT to repeal** 7.50 (2) (e); and **to create** 7.50 (2) (em) of the statutes; **relating**
2 **to:** counting votes for write-in candidates.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, generally, every vote at an election is counted for the candidate for whom it was intended, if the elector's intent can be determined from the ballot itself. Under this bill, generally, write-in votes are only counted if no candidates have been certified to appear on the ballot. If a candidate has been certified to appear on the ballot, write-in votes are only counted for candidates who have filed registration statements. If a certified candidate dies or withdraws before the election, all write-in votes are counted.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 7.50 (2) (e) of the statutes is repealed.

4 **SECTION 2.** 7.50 (2) (em) of the statutes is created to read:

5 7.50 (2) (em) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, write-in votes
6 shall only be counted if no candidates have been certified to appear on the ballot. If
7 candidates have been certified to appear on the ballot, write-in votes may only be

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1 counted for candidates who file registration statements under s. 11.05 (2g). If a
2 candidate certified to appear on the ballot dies or withdraws before the election, all
3 write-in votes shall be counted. When write-in votes are counted, every vote shall
4 be counted for the candidate for whom it was intended, if the elector's intent can be
5 ascertained from the ballot itself.

6 (END)